(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) An exercise has been undertaken to formulate an approach towards a new draft on technology policy in the context of various changes introduced in the economic system of the country. A process of consultation has also begun. A draft paper for a new technology policy has been placed before the Science and Technology Committee of Parliament for their views, before finalising the same.

The draft paper includes section on technology and society; technology and environment; human skills; thrust areas; role of research; development and engineering (R&DE); resources for R&DE; linkages; policy implementation; and monitoring and review.

Joint venture by HMT in Dubai

*229. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HMT (International) Ltd., the export subsidiary of the HMT Ltd., is setting up a foundary in Dubai in a joint venture; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) HMT (International) Limited have proposed participation in a joint venture project in Dubai, UAE for setting up an Alloy Steel Foundry in association with M|s. Sri Ramakrishna Steels Industries Limited (SRSI), Coimbatore and M|s. Easa Saleh Al Gurg, Dubai. The Capital cost of the project is 15.055 million Dirhams. The share of the three partners in the equity of the project is to be 7 percent for HMT (I). 33 per cent for SRSI and 60 per cent for M|s. Al Gurg.

Import of paper

*230. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the projected demand of writing and printing papers in the country by the year 2000;

(b) what is the cost of all kinds of papers imported in 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) what is the annual production of paper in the country and what is the capacity of paper manufacturing units remaining unutilised together with the reasons thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to increase domestic production and allowing import of all kinds of papers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The projected demand of paper and paper board in the country by the year 2000 AD is estimated at about 28.35 lakh tonnes.